

Thomas Stephenson, July 30, 1828, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS STEPHENSON IN RE JACKSON'S MOTHER.

July 30, 1828.

I Thomas Stephenson now residing in the county of Maury and State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I was born and raised in what is now called Lancaster District in the State of South Carolina, that I was acquainted with General Andrew Jackson when he was a very small boy, and was very well acquainted with his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, and without any hesitation can say that the mother of the General, sustained as fair a character for virtue and piety, as any lady that I ever knew. I believe she was a member of the Presbyterian church, and I have frequently heard the old people speak in terms of high commendation of her piety and worth. she was a widow when I first knew her, of not much property, and it was several years before the revolutionary war that I knew her first. she had three sisters one of whom married George Mcamy, and two of them Brothers of the name of Leslie, John and Samuel, whose characters were all good, especially the women. they all lived to be old before they died. I think Mrs. Jackson has been dead upwards of forty years. I cannot believe that any person from South Carolina would state any thing the least disrespectful to the family and mother of Genral Jackson, unless they were totally abandoned in character and principle. Given under my hand this 30th day of July 1828.